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POLICE CHARGE SECOND SUSPECT IN 2007 KENNSINGTON HOMICIDE

On Tuesday, March 20, 2007, At 2:28 a.m., San Diego Police Officers responded to a report of a shooting at “Donuts Plus”, located at 4090 El Cajon Boulevard. Upon their arrival, officers located a male victim down in the rear of the business suffering from multiple gunshot wounds to his torso. The victim was transported to a trauma center, but succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at 3:24 a.m.

The investigation has revealed the victim, 38 year old Damon Green, and a male friend were eating at a taco shop next to the donut shop when Green became involved in a conversation with another male. The conversation became antagonistic before the male (suspect) left the taco shop with a companion.

Approximately ten minutes later, as Green and his friend were leaving, the two suspects returned. The shooter confronted Green outside the donut shop and shot him. The victim fled into the donut shop and the suspect fired again through the plate glass window, fatally wounding Green. Various SDPD Homicide Detectives have continued to investigate this case for the past eight years.

Recently, the San Diego Police Department’s Homicide Cold Case Unit received additional information which identified the suspects in the murder of Damon Green. Based on this new information, detectives, in conjunction with the District Attorney’s Office, conducted extensive investigative follow-ups to bring forward a prosecutable case.

On Wednesday, November 25, 2015, Homicide Cold Case Detectives charged 40 year old Santiago Covarrubias with the murder of Damon Green. Covarrubias had been serving time in State Prison for an unrelated homicide. He is currently in custody at the San Diego County Jail and is scheduled to be arraigned on Monday, November 30, 2015, at 1:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, July 28, 2015, 35 year old Martin Villalpando of San Diego was arrested and charged with the murder of Damon Green. He is also currently in custody and has already been arraigned.

Anyone with information related to this incident is encouraged to call the San Diego Police Department's Homicide Unit or Crime Stoppers at 888-580-8477.

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